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UTILITY SENT HEROAHL TO C = 16 JAN WITH FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

A. ARREST FORMER NAZIS BY BRITISH 15 JAN INVOLVED NO ZIPPER PERSONNEL.

B. UTILITY FEELS ACT WOULD DAMAGE PROSPECT RATIFICATION; HOWEVER, ADMITTED PRESS STATEMENTS THAT ADENAUER HAD BEEN BRIEFED AND DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED AT TOP LEVEL BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE INDICATED PRIOR COORDINATION WITH PERSONS OF POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY.

OF THE RECORD HERDAHL STATED:

A. COLONEL HANS MARTIN, WARTIME OKW PROPAGANDA LIAISON OFFICER TO GOEBBELS MINISTRY, HAD ACTED AS ZIPPER AGENT KEEPING CONTACT THIS CIRCLE AS POSSIBLE CE TARGET.

B. UTILITY HAD SPECULATED THAT ARRESTS MAY ACTUALLY INVOLVE DIS/RIS OPERATION; THAT NAZI ASPECT ONLY ONE SIDE OF QUESTION.

C. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO UTILITY DISCUSSED CASE WITH GLOBKE WHO ADVISED ZIPPER DROP IN SPITE CE ANGLES. SUBSEQUENTLY SECRETARY ZIPPER STAFF MEMBER KNUTH DISPATCHED TO ADVISE MARTIN TO WITHDRAW.

D. UTILITY PRIVATELY EXPRESSED STRONG CRITICISM OF BRITISH FOR METHOD AND TIMING OF ARRESTS.

3. POB COMMENT: MANNER CONTACT SUGGESTS MARTIN SPECIAL CONNECTION: NOT AGENT. FOR TRACES MART: N SEE VLASSOV BOOK. WE HAVE NOT YET EX-PLORED WITH WORKING LEVEL ZIPPER STAFF BUT WILL DO SO.

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